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SUMMARY: WHILE U.S. ELECTION RESULTS ALMOST BLANKET MEDIA
COVERAGE, CONSIDERABLE COPY DEVOTED TO HAK ROME ADDRESS
PLUS LIGHT COVERAGE HAK ARRIVAL IN ME.

NEWSPAPERS:

NYTIMES -- PAGE 1 BY ROBBINS. HAK PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT
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OF THREE NEW INTERNATIONAL BODIES TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO
AVERT SPREADING FAMINE AND RENEWED INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS.
HAK ALSO PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUOTE GLOBAL NUTRITION
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM BY WHO, FAO AND UN CHILDREN'S FUND.

UNQUOTE. HAK OMITTED A PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN EARLIER DRAFT CALLING FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL TO OVERSEE ACTION UNDER PROPOSALS. INSTEAD HE NOTED QUOTE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A CENTRAL BODY TO FUSE OUR EFFORTS AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP. THE US IS OPEN-MINDED ABOUT SUCH AN INSTITUTION. END QUOTE. EDWIN MARTIN SAID HAK DROPPED SPECIFIC PROPOSAL FOR FEAR DEBATE OVER IT MIGHT

DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THE BASIC ISSUE OF FOOD. OVERALL IMPACT LESS CLARION CALL FOR DRAMATIC RESPONSE TO IMMEDIATE NEEDS THAN A MEASURED, SOMBER ACCOUNTING OF SCOPE OF TASK, STRESSING LONG-TERM GOALS AND INTERNATIONAL COOP. HAK DREW RESTRAINED APPLAUSE . . . REFLECTING ON PART OF SOME DELEGATES ESPECIALLY FROM NEEDIEST NATIONS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT U.S. WAS NOT DISCLOSING SPECIFIC LARGE INCREASES IN AID . . . A HIGH U.S. OFFICIAL ATTENDING CONFERENCE SAID THAT U.S. WOULD QUOTE HANDLE WHATEVER RESERVE RESPONSIBILITY IS ASSIGNED TO U.S. END QUOTE. IF VOLUME PROVES TOO GREAT FOR TRADE TO HANDLE THEN GOVERNMENT ITSELF MIGHT HAVE TO MANAGE PART OF STOCKPILE, ALTHO ADMINISTRATION PREFERS TO AVOID THAT COST. ANOTHER HIGH OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH HAK SAID U.S. WAS HOPEFUL OF BEING MORE GENEROUS THAN SPEECH INDICATED. HE SAID IT WAS HOPED TO INCREASE BOTH DOLLAR AMOUNT OF FOOD AID AND ACTUAL VOLUME. BECAUSE OF INFLATION AND UNCERTAIN SUPPLIES, DECISIONS WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE ON QUARTERLY BASIS.

NYTIMES CARRIES PIX HAK ADDRESSING DELEGATES TO CONFERENCE AND EXCERPTS HAK SPEECH PAGE 12.

THAN BUTZ") ROME. HAK PROPOSED AN ARRAY OF NEW INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS FOR PLANNING EXPORTS OF SCARCE FOOD, PROVIDING AID TO COUNTRIES WITH FOOD DEFICITS AND ESTABLISHING WORLDWIDE GRAIN STOCKPILES. MAJOR THEME OF SPEECH WAS THAT FOOD CRISIS CAN NO LONGER BE RESOLVED BY ANY SINGLE COUNTRY. U.S. QUOTE INCREASED CONTRIBUTION END QUOTE OF FOOD AID SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY FINANCING UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS . . . IN TONE, SPEECH WAS MARKEDLY MORE SPECIFIC AS WELL AS MORE GLOOMY ABOUT PRESENT SITUATION THAN WERE REMARKS MADE BY BUTZ. NEWSMEN WHO QUESTIONED DIFFERENCES WERE TOLD THAT HAK'S STATEMENT REPRESENTED OFFICIAL U.S. POLICY. SOURCES CLOSE TO HAK SAID THAT HE WAS PERTURBED THAT HE SEEMED TO BE ONLY TOP OFFICIAL BENEATH PRES. FORD WHO WANTED US TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE. . . SENIOR OFFICIALS SAY THEY BELIEVE THERE IS SUPPORT FOR OVERALL U.S. POLICY OUTLINED . . . THAT SOVIET UNION WAS QUOTE HAPPY END QUOTE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT SINGLED OUT BY U.S. AS A MAJOR CULPRIT IN PRESENT CRISIS - . . ALSO KNOWN THAT CHINA HAS TAKEN A SUDDEN INTEREST IN U.S. FOOD POLICY IN RECENT WEEKS. . . HAK WAS SAID

TO BELIEVE THAT CHIEF IMPORTANCE OF SPEECH LAY IN ITS EFFORT TO PUT FOOD IN KIND OF QUOTE CONCEPTUAL END QUOTE FRAMEWORK WHICH WAS ALREADY TRIED FOR FUEL. . . EARLIER DRAFTS OF SPEECH INCLUDED A PROPOSAL FOR SOME KIND OF WORLD FOOD ORGANIZATION UNDER UN AUSPICES SOURCES SAID.

BALTSUN -- PAGE 1 BY MILLS - ROME - HAK TOLD WFC THAT U.S.

QUOTE WILL DO EVERYTHING HUMANLY POSSIBLE END QUOTE TO HELP WORLD'S HUNGRY. BUT THIS EFFORT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO HEAD OFF MASS STARVATION UNLESS OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY NEWLY RICH OIL-PRODUCING NATIONS, JOIN IN. . . FOOD SPEECH, WHICH HAK CONSIDERS ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT HE HAS EVER GIVEN, EXPOUNDS MORE FORCEFULLY THAN EVER HIS CONVICTION THAT THE WORLD IS IN INCREASING DANGER BECAUSE EXISTING NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE INADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH GLOBAL PROBLEMS. . . SPEECH NOTABLE FOR WHAT IT DID NOT SAY. . . HAK MADE NO THREAT. . . HAK ALSO FAILED TO COME UP WITH A DOLLAR FIGURE ON AMOUNT OF EMERGENCY HELP U.S. IS PREPARED TO GIVE. . . BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC SENSITIVITIES TO GRAIN PRICES, AMERICAN COMMITMENTS ARE BEING MADE ON QUARTERLY BASIS.

NYDAILY NEWS -- PAGE 6 BY FRIED. (PIX POPE AND HAK AT VATICAN). HAK CALLED ON OIL-RICH NATIONS TO FULFILL A QUOTE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY END QUOTE IN BATTLE AGAINST HUNGER AND PLEDGED A MAJOR AMERICAN EFFORT TO SEE QUOTE THAT WITHIN A DECADE NO CHILD WILL GO TO BED HUNGRY END UNCLASSIFIED

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QUOTE.

WIRES:

AP -- SCHWEID - CAIRO -- SADAT TODAY INDICATED EGYPT IS READY TO GO AHEAD WITH NEGOTIATIONS THROUGH HAK FOR ANOTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI DESERT. QUOTE WE SHALL IN EGYPT ALWAYS BE READY TO REGAIN WHATEVER LAND WE CAN END QUOTE SADAT SAID WHEN ASKED IF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS DEPENDED ON PARALLEL TALKS BEING HELD CONCERNING ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM WEST BANK OF JORDAN. QUOTE AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN DR. KISSINGER AND WE SUPPORT HIS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE ME END QUOTE SADAT SAID. HAK TOLD NEWSMEN EARLIER HE HOPED QUOTE TO MAKE A BREAKTHROUGH END QUOTE THAT WOULD OPEN THE WAY TO NEW NEGOTIATIONS BUT QUOTE THE SITUATION IS COMPLICATED END QUOTE. SPOKESMAN ANDERSON SAID HAK WOULD NOT MEET WITH ARAFAT DESPITE REPORTS BY CAIRO NEWSPAPERS THAT THE LEADER IS IN CAPITAL. AFTER MONTHS OF MILITANT OPPOSITION TO HAK'S MEDIATION, ARAFAT WAS REPORTED WILLING TO MEET WITH HIM.

UPI -- CAIRO - HAK ADMITTED TODAY THAT THE RABAT SUMMIT CONFERENCE HAD PRESENTED HIM WITH A QUOTE COMPLICATED SITUATION END QUOTE. BUT HE SAID HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE ARAB-ISRAELI PEACE TALKS. QUOTE I DON'T BELIEVE I EXPRESS EITHER OPTIMISM OR PESSIMISM END QUOTE ON THE CHANCES FOR PEACE IN ME, HAK REPLIED TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS. QUOTE I WILL DO MY BEST TO MOVE PARTIES TO A PEACE NEGOTIATION END QUOTE. DESPITE HAK'S

STATEMENT ON CHANCES FOR PEACE, HIS AIDES SAID HE FEARS A NEW ME WAR IF ISRAEL AND ARABS TURN THEIR BACKS ON PEACE TALKS -- A WAR THAT COULD BRING A DIRECT CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION. SADAT SAID HAK'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TOWARD FINDING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN ME QUOTE ARE NEEDED MUCH MORE THAN EVER BEFORE END QUOTE. IN BRIEF NEWS CONFERENCE AT CLOSE OF TWO LEADERS' SECOND MEETING IN 12 HOURS, BOTH SADAT AND HAK PLEDGED THAT AMERICAN PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS IN AREA WOULD CONTINUE.

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RADIO:

WHAT HE CAME FOR: A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FROM SADAT. AFTER THE RABAT SUMMIT MEETING, IN WHICH ARAB LEADERS VOTED TO GIVE A GREATER ROLE TO THE PLO, THERE WAS CONCERN IN OFFICIAL AMERICAN CIRCLES THAT KISSINGER'S PEACE EFFORTS HERE IN THE ME WOULD FACE AN UNWAVERING STALEMATE. BUT DURING A MEETING WITH NEWSMEN HERE IN CAIRO TODAY FOLLOWING HIS TALKS WITH KISSINGER, PRESIDENT SADAT SUGGESTED STRONGLY THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ENTER SECOND ROUND NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND THAT KISSINGER WAS NEEDED NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE."

AP RADIO -- BARRY SCHWEID - CAIRO - "HAK'S WHIRLWIND TOUR OF THE ME, FIVE COUNTRIES IN TWO DAYS, WILL TEST THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HIS PERSONAL DIPLOMACY AND ASSESS PROSPECTS FOR HOLDING OFF ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR. A SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL TOLD NEWSMEN ON THE FLIGHT FROM ROME THAT THE SOVIETS ARE NEWLY ENGAGED IN OBSTRUCTIVE TACTICS. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO AN ARTICLE IN PRAVDA THAT MOSCOW WILL VETO ANY ME PEACE SETTLEMENT THAT HURTS SOVIET INTERESTS. AND YET AT THE SAME TIME THE KISSINGER ENTOURAGE IS ENCOURAGED BY SIGNS THAT EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT MAY BE WILLING TO GO AHEAD AND NEGOTIATE WITH ISRAEL BEFORE THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE IS RECONVENED."

ADDED NEWSPAPER STORIES:

WASHPOST -- MARDER, PAGE 21 - CAIRO - HAK CONFERRED WITH SADAT AT TURNING POINT IN ARAB-ISRAELI CRISIS THAT CARRIES DANGER OF REBOUNDED ON U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE IF DEADLOCK

DEVELOPS. AN INTERVIEW BY SOVIET COMMENTATOR BELAYEV
RAISED U.S. HACKLES. IT WAS CITED ON U.S. SIDE AS AN
ILLUSTRATION OF CURRENT SOVIET DRIVE TO USE ALL MEANS TO
SHORT-CIRCUIT HAK'S DIPLOMACY AND FORCE NEGOTIATIONS BACK
TO GENEVA.

BOSTGLOBE -- JHABVALA, PAGE 9 - CAIRO - SENIOR OFFICIAL

SAID ANY SOVIET EFFORTS TO OBSTRUCT CHANCES OF ME PEACE
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WOULD BE INTERPRETED AS A BLOW TO U.S.-SOVIET DETENTE.
OFFICIAL WAS GIVING A CLEAR INDICATION THAT FORD ADMINI-
STRATION IS ATTUNED TO MOSCOW'S DESIRES TO PLAY A ROLE IN
ME. HOWEVER, THIS WAS FIRST TIME A DIRECT LINK WAS
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN DETENTE AND DEVELOPMENTS IN SOVIET
LEADERSHIP NOT TO BE DISRUPTIVE. INGERSOLL

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